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Lieutenant Colonel Donald E. Johantges **Deputy Commander** **Middle East District**



Lieutenant Colonel Donald E. Johantges is Deputy Commander of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Middle East District (MED), located in Winchester, Virginia.

The Middle East District is responsible for providing engineering, construction, and related services in the Middle East, Central Asia, and other areas as required. Its work includes designing and constructing facilities for use by U.S. forces, performing engineering activities for other U.S. government and foreign agencies, and providing operations and maintenance services for various customers. In addition, the District provides project management, engineering, contracting and support services to USACE districts in Iraq and Afghanistan. MED was renamed from the Transatlantic Programs Center (TAC) on Oct. 1, 2009, following the activation of the Transatlantic Division.

Lieutenant Colonel Johantges has been assigned to TAC since July 2007. During the Commander's assignment to Iraq from July 2008 to July 2009, he served as TAC Commander. In August 2009, he resumed his position as Deputy Commander, responsible for supporting USACE operations in the region and for overseeing all business support organizations within the headquarters.

Before his assignment at TAC, Lieutenant Colonel Johantges served as the Program Manager of the NATO Military Construction program in Afghanistan while assigned to Allied Headquarters Joint Forces Command in Brunssum, the Netherlands, from August 2003 until July 2007. In this position, he had two deployments to Afghanistan: Kabul in 2004 and Kandahar in 2006.

He also served as Deputy Commander, USACE San Francisco District, from December 1999 until June 2002 and then deployed to Saudi Arabia, Qatar and Kuwait to support Operation Iraqi Freedom. Other assignments include Engineer Operations Officer, Combined Forces Land Component Command in Atlanta, Georgia, in support of the U.S. Army mission in the Middle East; Facilities Project Manager at the National Security Agency, Fort Meade, Maryland; Company Commander and Battalion Staff Officer in the 92nd Engineer Battalion (Combat Heavy), Fort Stewart, Georgia, which included deployments to Operation Desert Storm and Hurricane Andrew relief; and Platoon Leader and Company Executive Officer in the 9th Engineer Battalion (Combat) in Aschaffenburg, Germany.

Lieutenant Colonel Johantges is a native of Cincinnati, Ohio. He graduated from the U.S. Military Academy and was commissioned a second lieutenant in 1986. He has a master's degree in engineering management from the University of Maryland and is a certified Project Management Professional. His military education also includes the Combined Arms Services Staff School and the Command and General Staff Officer Course.

Among his military awards and decorations are the Bronze Star, three awards of the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, four awards of the Meritorious Service Medal, the Joint Commendation Medal, two awards of the Army Commendation Medal, three awards of the Army Achievement Medal, and the Parachutist Badge.

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